ADDENDUM/NEW INFORMATION

F-2-63	Needwood-Thomas Lee Farmstead
F-2-64	Old Needwood
F-2-65	Needwood Forest
F-2-66	Outerbridge Horsey House and Distillery Site

Additional research by Paul and Rita Gordon on the Needwood properties associated with Thomas Sim Lee was provided to the Frederick County Planning Department and the Historical Society of Frederick County Library in May 1999. The research is in typescript in a report cover, entitled *All The Needwoods*, copyright pending. The research reveals new documentary information in land records, personal histories, and other material that was not researched for the preparation of the existing Inventory of Historic Properties forms on the four properties in 1991.

The most important highlight is the apparent corrected identification of the building used as Bartholomew Booth's school for boys. Originally, the house now known as Old Needwood was believed to have been erected as the school. The Gordon research appears to confirm that the Booth school was the house called Needwood Forest. The date of Needwood Forest, estimated at 1808, may thus be incorrect. The school was known to have been in operation in 1777 and 1778 at the "Forest of Needwood". The Gordon research discusses the reasons for the identification of Needwood Forest as the school. The date of at least part of Needwood Forest may therefore be about 1775-1776.

Another highlight is the conclusion of the authors that Thomas Sim Lee did not live at Old Needwood until at least 1816. He died at Old Needwood in 1819. The Gordons discuss the land transactions and Lee's will to support this conclusion.

The *All The Needwoods* report is available for public research at the Historical Society of Frederick County, 24 E. Church St., Frederick, MD 21701 (301-663-1188) or the Frederick County Planning Dept., 12 E. Church St., Frederick, MD 21701 (Janet Davis, 301-696-2958).

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Old Needwood is a two-story stuccoed stone Georgian style house with a distinctive three-part plan embellished by two-story integral porches and pediments on the east and west elevations. Associated with the house are several agricultural outbuildings ranging in date from about the 1850's to the 1940's. The house was built as an early private school by Rev. Bartholomew Booth and was recognized as unusual by the local population who associated an Anglican priest, with unfounded Tory sentiments and his school as a rendezvous for Loyalists. Forced to relocate the school to Washington County, Booth probably sold the Needwood tract to Governor Thomas Sim Lee, the second elected governor of Maryland and a prominent Revolutionary leader in the state. The Lee family also built three other houses on the Forest of Needwood tract: Needwood Forest (F-2-65), Needwood-Thomas Lee Farmstead (F-2-63), and Outerbridge Horsey House and Distillery Site (F-2-66).

F-2-64 Old Needwood Burkittsville Frederick County

HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Piedmont (Harford, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Howard, Montgomery Counties, and Baltimore City)

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Resource Types:

Category: Buuildings

Environment: Rural

Function and Use:

Domestic/Single dwelling/mansion
Domestic/Secondary structure/smokehouse
Agriculture/Subsistence/animal facility/barn
Agriculture/Subsistence/agricultural outbuilding/wagon shed

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Old Needwood is an agricultural complex centered on a circa 1775 stuccoed stone dwelling house with its associated domestic outbuildings consisting of a brick smokehouse, a frame storage shed, and a tenant house, and an agricultural grouping of 10 buildings. The agricultural group contains a frame bank barn of about 1875-1900, a concrete block dairy barn and milk house of about 1940, a hog barn, a pull-through corn crib/wagon shed, a carriage house or stable, and several other frame buildings dating from about 1875 - 1900. At a distance of about 1/4 mile to the north and part of the same current parcel is a brick and frame bank barn dated 1855-56 on an inside wall which originally belonged to a separate farm of which only the brick barn and a frame pull-through corn crib of about 1875-1900 survive. The entire farmstead is located on open agricultural fields on the west side of Catholic Church Road about 2 miles southeast of Burkittsville, Frederick County, Maryland.

The main dwelling is a Georgian style symmetrically planned two-story house with three main parts. The central section is a long rectangle oriented north-south adjoined on both ends by roughly square sections. The center portion is recessed slightly on both the east (principal) and west elevations and sheltered by integral two-story open porches. The roof is hipped and covered with composition material. Above the porches are wide shallow pediments. The tympanum of the eastern pediment is covered with wood shingles, apparently an alteration of the late 19th centur. In each pediment is a three-part window with fluted and bull's eye trim. The porch on the east elevation is enclosed with wire screens; the western porch remains open with a large wisteria vine intertwining the columns. Pedimented dormers are located in the north and south roof slopes below the stuccoed chimney stacks.

The east and west elevations have five sub-bays each within the basic three-part composition. The entrance is in the east elevation's center bay and has double doors with oval raised panels and a transom and sidelights. The doors are probably replacements of the original doors, as similar elliptical paneled doors are fairly common in Frederick city houses documented in the first quarter of the 19th century. The fenestration is 6/6 flanked by louvred shutters. The sills are wood. Linked to the main section by an enclosed breezeway on the south is a one-story concrete block addition erected in the early 1950's. This replaced a two-story frame building, possibly a summer kitchen. The addition has a hipped composition roof.

The end pavilions have two rooms each. The south pavilion contains the kitchen and a modern laundry room separated by a small pantry. The original use of the laundry area is not yet known. The interior trim includes bull's eye corner blocks and late Georgian/early Federal style bolection moldings. In the parlors, paneled sections below the windows and fluted pilasters and bolection moldings on the fireplace mantels also correspond with the late 18th century character of the house. The

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Old Needwood is significant for its late Georgian architectural style and three-part plan, which is unusual in Frederick County. The recessed integral porches on both the principal elevations are typical of the symmetry associated with Georgian design, but are features which are not known in other Frederick County houses of the last quarter of the 18th century. The house is also significant under the theme of education, having been built about 1775 by Rev. Bartholomew Booth as a private boarding school which included the sons of Robert Morris, Benedict Arnold. and two young relatives of Richard Henry Lee among its pupils. The school was known as Needwood or Forest of Needwood and attained considerable fame during the Revolutionary period among the upper class as an alternative to education in English The school functioned intermittently from about 1775 to 1779 when Booth relocated the school to Washington County. Old Needwood is lastly significant for its association with Thomas Sim Lee, the second elected governor of Maryland, who served 1779-1782 and 1792-1794. The exact date of Lee's acquisition of the Needwood property is not yet known, but probably was about 1779 when Booth apparently transferred his school to Washington County. Lee was a prominent patriot in the Revolutionary period, being an important supplier of men and materials for George Governor Lee died at Needwood in 1819. The Old Needwood farm Washington's army. remained in the Lee family until about 1862. Subsequent owners added most of the agricultural outbuildings, which are typical of the evolving farmstead of the period 1850 through 1940, with the additions of separate animal facilities, dairy barn and milk house, and silos in response to health regulations of the dairy industry and scientific improvements in agriculture. Three other Lee family properties located on the original "Forest of Needwood" tract are Needwood Forest (F-2-65), built in 1808 by Governor Lee's son William; the Needwood-Thomas Lee Farmstead (F-2-63), built about 1850 with alterations in about 1870; and the Outerbridge Horsey House and Distillery Site (F-2-66), built about 1840 with additions in about 1870.

In terms of architectural context, Old Needwood may be unique in its three-part composition during the last quarter of the 18th century. Although further research and survey may challenge its singularity, a reference in T.J.C. Williams' and Folger McKinsey's History of Frederick County (1910), pp. 619-620, states that "it happened to be so odd a structure that the people in the upper part of the valley suspected it to be a Tory rendezvous, and only through the efforts of Mr. Potts of Frederick

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7.1 Description (Continued)

walls are painted plaster and the ceilings are modern replacements due to water damage in recent years. The cornice moldings may therefore be replacements, but the ogee curve is consistent with the period of the house. Notable in one of the north pavilion rooms is an iron fireback decorated with fluted ellipitical panels typical of the Adam period. This may be original to the house. The wide floor boards in the main floor rooms are also original, as are the box locks and hardware of the doors.

The two domestic outbuildings are a stuccoed brick smokehouse possibly built by 1800 which has a square plan and a pyramidal composition roof. It has a single vertical board door in the east elevation. The frame shed used as a garden house or herb drying shed has board and batten siding with scalloped eave trim and a dutch door in the east elevation. The shed probably dates from the last quarter of the 19th century.

Following are brief descriptions of the agricultural outbuildings. Most of the outbuildings are only in partial agricultural use as storage or equipment buildings:

Equipment shed: This is a one-story frame building of about 1875-1900 with board and batten siding and a standing seam metal roof topped by an octagonal cupola with lattice trim. The building is entered on the west elevation through sliding doors.

Hog barn: The frame barn has german siding and a corrugated metal roof. The doors are vertical boards opening on the west gable end with the wallow area on the south. The barn probably was built in the last quarter of the 19th century.

Frame bank barn: The vertical-sided bank barn may have been originally built as early as the 1850's. The interior flooring and structure shows that an expansion was made to the width of the building, possibly in the 1890's, since the date 1893 is on an interior post. The east elevation has four loading doors above the forebay, which has lattice enclosing screens on the lower level. A wagon shed/corn crib is located on the south end of the barn, and a non-contributing frame loafing shed adjoins the south end. The roof is corrugated metal.

Carriage house/stable: This is a frame, two-section shed with a gable roof covered in both standing seam and corrugated metal. The siding is board and batten and the north elevation has both a dutch door and a sliding door. The possible date period is the last quarter of the 19th century.

Privy: This is a small, square frame building with a shed roof of corrugated metal and vertical tongue-and-groove siding. Probably built in the last quarter of the 19th century, the privy stands south of the carriage house, which indicates that it was possibly moved to the present location from a site near the domestic outbuildings.

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7.2 Description (Continued)

Dairy barn, milk house, and silos: The concrete block dairy barn appears to have been built about 1940 and has a domed roof profile with frame gable covered with german siding. The milk house is a small rectangular concrete block building with a gable roof; it was undoubtedly built at the same time as the dairy barn. Two concrete silos stand south of the bank barn and probably date from the same period.

Tenant house: The frame two-story tenant house is located west of the main dwelling on a farm lane leading north toward the brick bank barn. The house has three bays with a cross gable and one-story porch on the east elevation. Interior chimneys are located at the north and south gable ends and the roof is standing seam metal. The exterior is covered with composition shingles. The probable period of construction is 1875-1900.

Brick bank barn: The brick and frame bank barn was probably built about 1855-56 according to a wall inscription inside with the initials "B.H." The bond pattern is 5:1 with rectangular vents on the east gable elevation. The interior walls are deteriorated, but were originally plastered and whitewashed. The south elevation over the forebay is vertical boards. The roof is recently installed standing seam metal.

Wagon shed/corn crib: The circa 1875-1900 pull-through corn crib is located near the west gable end of the barn. It has board and batten siding and a corrugated metal roof.

Also on the current owner's property are the ruins of the Ahalt Distillery, established in 1879 using an 1840's flour and later saw mill built by John Lee (Scharf, <u>History of Western Maryland</u>, p. 622). These ruins were not observed during the current survey and should be documented.

The slave quarters at Old Needwood were located near the main grouping and, according to Williams and McKinsey, <u>History of Frederick County</u>, p. 1351, were removed by William Ennis, the owner from 1894 to about 1914. Mrs. Fulks, the current owner, stated the slave houses stood east of the main dwelling in what is now an open agricultural field, approximately half the distance to Catholic Church Road.

8.1 Significance (Continued)

were the hardy yeomanry restrained from tearing it down." This suggests its unusual appearance at the time of construction, although in another passage in the Williams and McKinsey book, the reason for local suspicion about the building was given as Booth's required oath of allegiance to the King at his ordination as an Anglican priest (p. 328). The Needwood school was not the first private school in Frederick County, as five were known to exist by 1754; it was, however, certainly one of the largest school buildings until approximately 1820 and an early surviving school of its period. Four Maryland governors have been Frederick County citizens. The first, Thomas Johnson, is associated with the 1790's Rose Hill Manor (F-43), a National Register property which is an example of transitional Georgian and Greek Revival design. Needwood is not only an older structure, but also has a more direct connection with Governor Thomas S. Lee.

The origin of the widely accepted date of about 1740 for Old Needwood is It was cited on the 1968 Paul Brinkman historic sites survey form for MHT; however. Rev. Bartholomew Booth, the substantially documented builder of the house, graduated from Oxford in 1754, and was ordained a deacon in 1755 and as a priest in (See Williams and McKinsey, p. 328, for Booth's diploma and biographical Booth apparently had a quarrel with his wife and left with two of his three sons and two women companions for America about 1770. J. Thomas Scharf's History of Western Maryland (1882) cites Booth's resurvey of 945 acres of "Forest of Needwood in 1775 (p. 378). In addition to this fairly well documented background on Booth, the architectural style and proportions of the house seem well beyond the typical capabilities of frontier building in the 1740's. Grace L. Tracey and John P. Dern in Pioneers of Old Monocacy (1987) conclude that by 1743, settlement in Frederick County probably had not penetrated far from the Potomac River and in March 1744. John Hawkins (father of the first known owner of the Forest of Needwood Tract, John Hawkins, Jr. in 1745) and two other individuals were ordered by the Prince George's County Court to lay out a road from Tuscarora Creek to Catoctin Creek and onward to Shenandoah (later South) Mountain (pp. 95 and 97). The reference to John Hawkins, Jr. as the first owner of the Forest of Needwood tract has not been verified in the current survey, as the source is the Maryland Rent Rolls in the Hall of Records in Annapolis. Hawkins devised the "Forest of Needwood" to his son George fraser Hawkins, who sold it to Fielder Gantt in 1765, who was then a resident near the present Feagaville. The deed(s) from Gantt to Booth have not yet been identified, but this sequence of ownership tends to support the date of 1745 for the origin of the entire tract. Booth's school of about 1775 was probably the first large structure of importance on the "Forest of Needwood".

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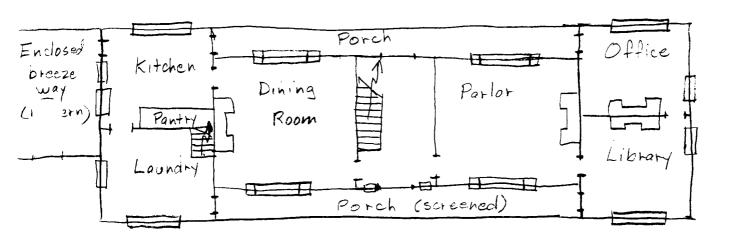
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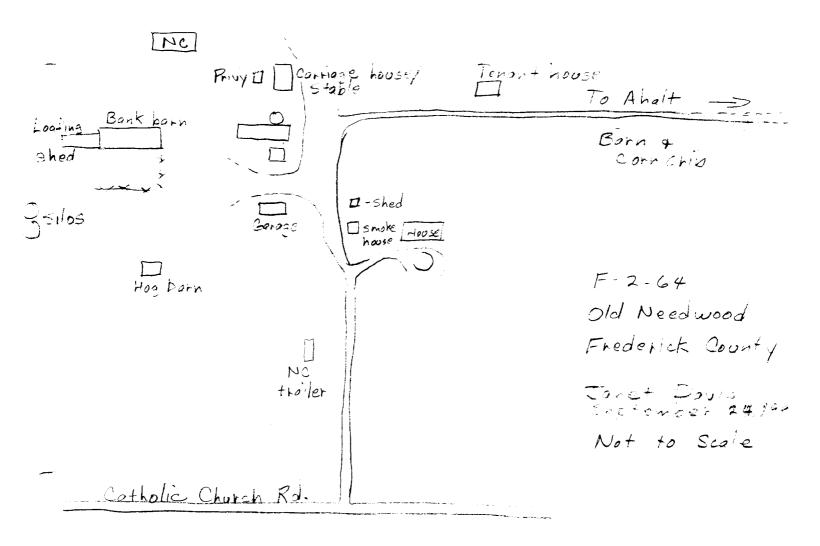
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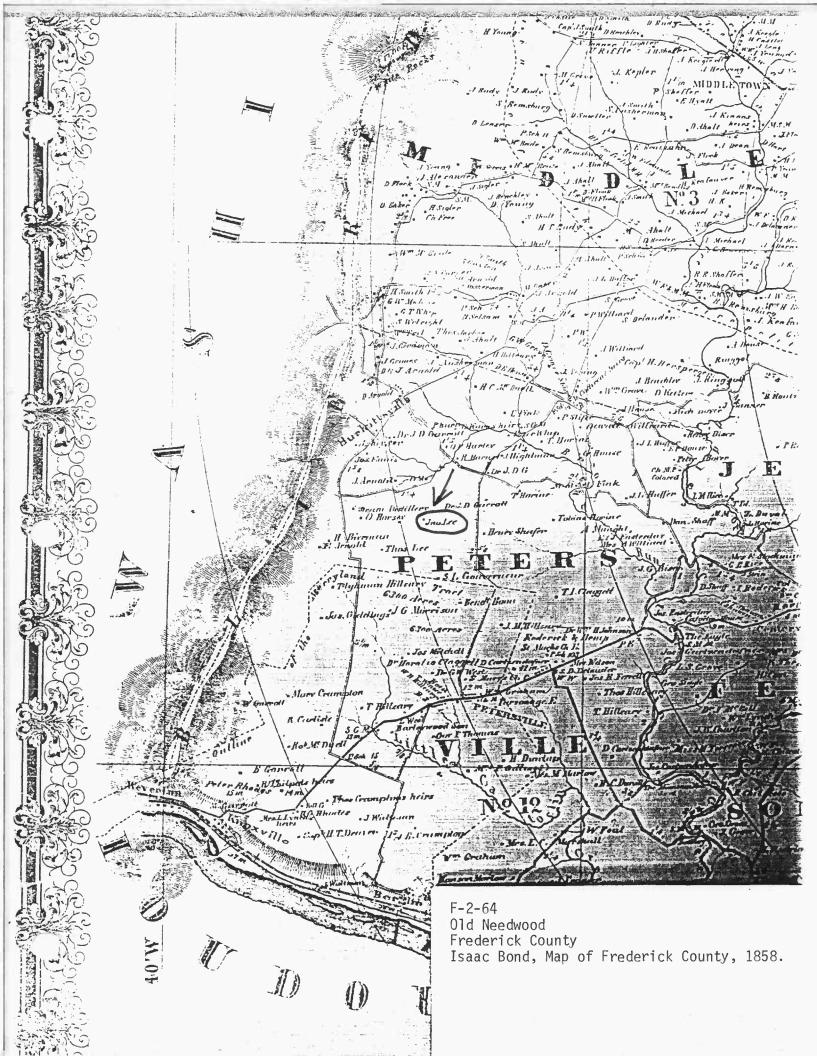


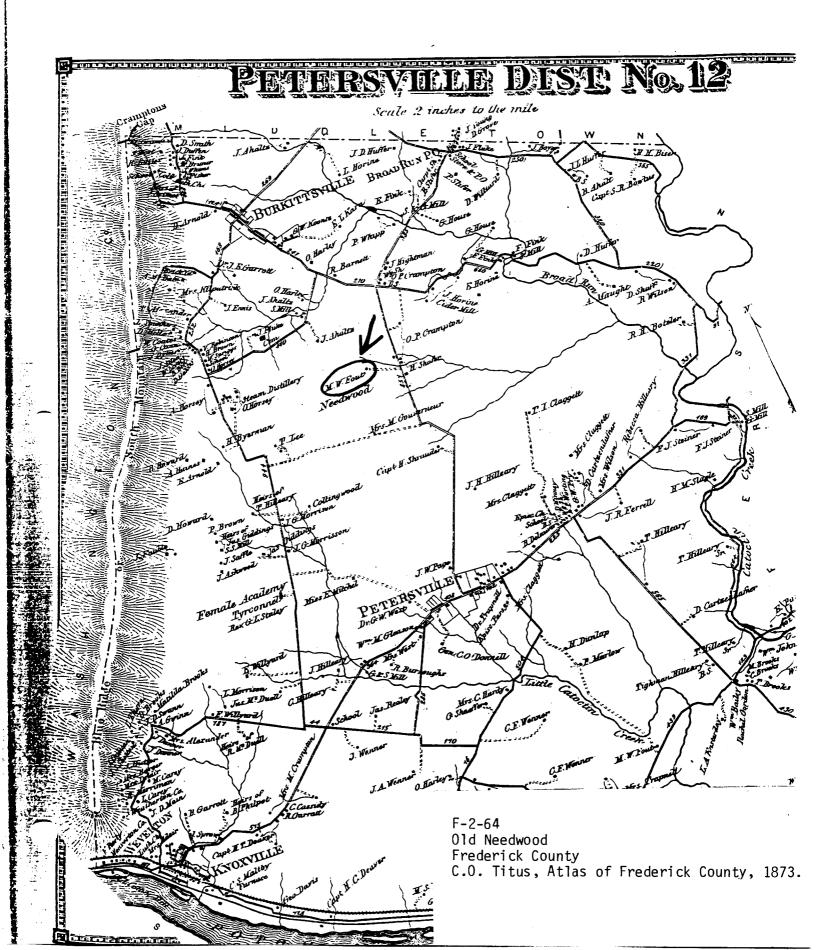
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